

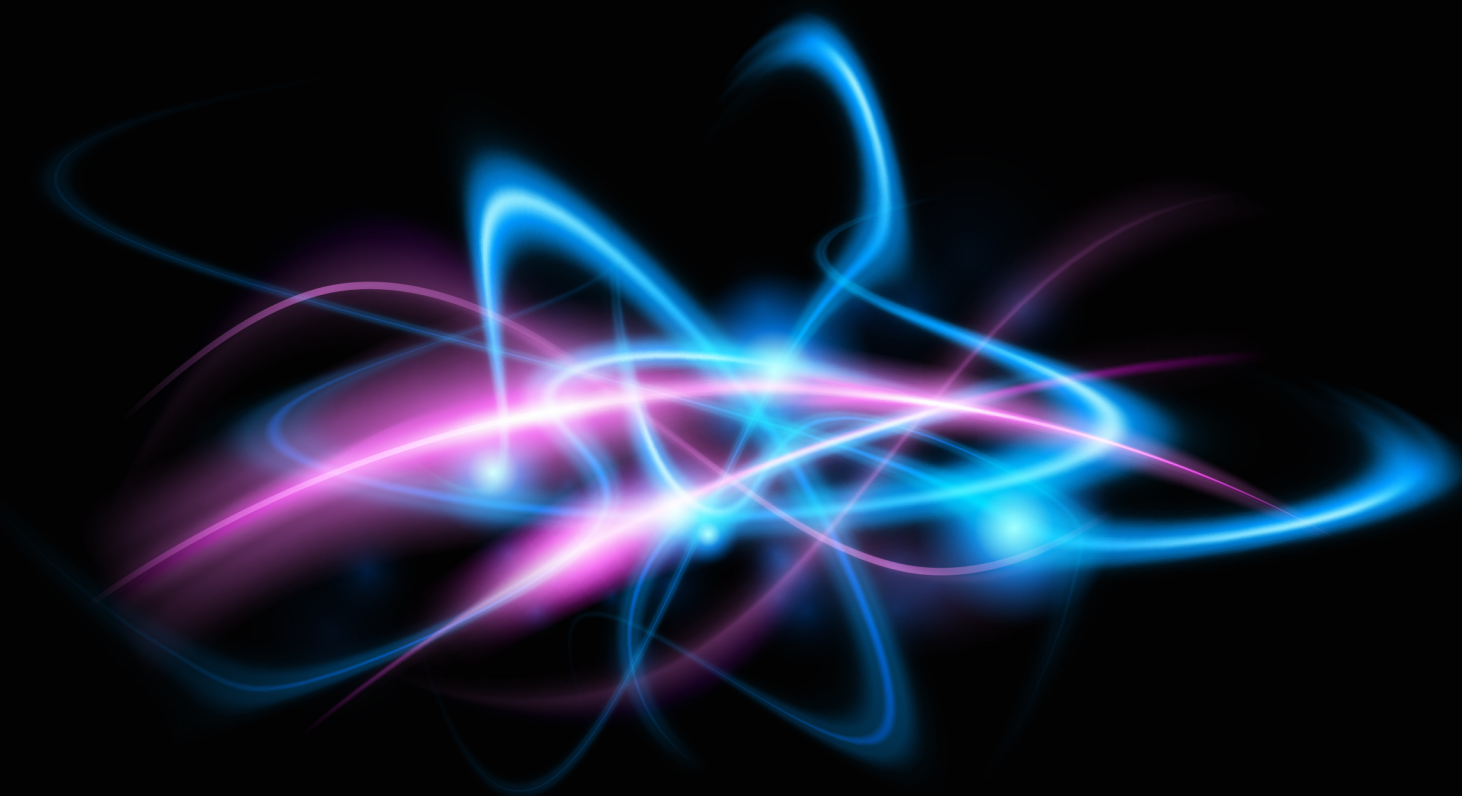
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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Mission

To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

About Newsletter

To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for
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It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.

Newspapers Covered:

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

Editor Note:

Clean energy transition is the only answer and solution to secure the sustainable future of Pakistan. There is a dire need to address the use of clean energy timely as it is not only the safest, reliable, and efficient means of energy production but will also harness the abundant indigenous energy resource available in Pakistan. Pakistan's recent policies and initiatives have strongly advocated the need for Pakistan to transition towards clean energy resources. With ARE policy aiming to achieve 30% power through hydro and 30% share of renewables in the energy mix, Electric Vehicles (EVs) policy targeting to achieve 30% share of EVs by 2030, Paris Agreement goals, and the recent moratorium of coal by Prime Minister in Climate Summit, Pakistan is taking a leap towards a green energy future.

However, the development of clean energy transition in Pakistan cannot be achieved without political leadership and need of research-based scientific evidence to help transform the conventional policy making process in Pakistan.

In this regard, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) runs a "Clean Energy Transition Program", under which "Network for Clean Energy Transition in Pakistan: Research and Advocacy", along with the "Renewable Energy Parliamentary Caucus" have been launched and established to mobilise policies into implementation with clear goals and targets. Our work is focused on (but not limited to) building momentum by exploring the missing gaps and links for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) through a holistic approach, especially to explore ways for post-COVID green economic recovery; aligning the wider sustainability agenda with SDG7, sectoral policy reforms, renewable energy investment streams, green financing, private sector engagements, and other windows of opportunities for achieving the goal of clean energy transition in Pakistan.

Subjects Covered

- Energy and power
- Renewable energy
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- Transport
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- SDPIs Events, visits, publications

Energy Transition Pakistan

Energy Governance

Settlement with E&P firms to help ramp up oil, gas output

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Three hydrocarbon exploration and production (E&P) companies have reached an out-of-court settlement with the government of Pakistan under which their exploration licences will be renewed with the aim of boosting oil and gas production in the country. The cabinet has approved the renewal of licences of 11 exploration blocks. Of these, Dewan Petroleum and Pakistan Exploration Limit..... [more >>](#)

FM denies pursuit of Russian energy

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

NEW YORK: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that Pakistan was not pursuing “discounted energy” from Russia, stressing that the government was exploring various markets to address the “energy insecurity” facing the country. Bilawal, who is currently in New York, attended several events, including hosting the G-77 and China Ministerial Conference, a meeting w..... [more >>](#)

Govt formulates strategy to conserve energy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb on Thursday said the federal government formulated a National Energy Conservation Plan, envisaging the use of solar power for private and government buildings besides a massive crackdown on electricity thieves. Marriyum said in a series of tweets that the decision was taken in a meeting on economic recovery and elimination of energy shortage, ch..... [more >>](#)

Prepared during IK's govt; Beijing urges Islamabad to review 'IPPs report'

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese government has reportedly urged Islamabad to review IPPs committee report prepared during Imran Khan's tenure as they have come under much criticism, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. Beijing's concerns were recently conveyed by the Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Nong Rong at a recent meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. According to..... [more >>](#)

Nepra chief proposes Coal Procurement Authority

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Chairman Tauseef H Farooqi told Senate Sub-committee on Cabinet Secretariat that he has proposed the government to establish an independent Coal Procurement Authority to import and determine tariff for electricity generation from coal power projects. The Senate Sub-committee on Cabinet Secretariat met on Thursday at the Parliament..... [more >>](#)

'National contingency energy saving plan' prepared to reduce import bill

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Thursday that National Contingency Energy Saving Plan had been prepared which would significantly reduce the import bill. In a tweet, she said that this decision was made in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on economic recovery and elimination of energy shortage. The minister said that extra..... [more >>](#)

Discounted Russian oil not 'a reality,' says BilawalSource: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-16

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan is seeking "to address the energy shortfalls and difficulties we're facing," Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said on Thursday, but he dismissed the concept of discounted Russian oil after Islamabad announced a deal with Moscow. When asked about a \$60-per-barrel cap imposed by the Group of Seven states and the European Union on Russian seaborne..... [more >>](#)

Discounted crude, refined products; Pakistan-Russia IGC to meet in JanSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) would arrive in January 2023 for negotiation on Russian discounted crude and discounted refined petroleum products, said Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik on Friday. While addressing a press conference, he said the delegation from Russia would be headed by the energy minister and talks (with Russia on crude) would be r..... [more >>](#)

Rs5 PL hike on HSD may not help govt achieve Rs31bn monthly targetSource: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: An increase of Rs5 per litre petroleum levy (PL) on high-speed diesel (HSD) may not help the government to achieve a monthly target of Rs31 billion due to low petroleum consumption expected in the second half of December. The Finance Division has raised the PL on HSD from Rs25 to Rs30 on HSD with effect from December 16. The PL on petrol has been kept unchanged at Rs50 per litre sa..... [more >>](#)

PSO may acquire govt stakes in NPP, GepcoSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) is likely to acquire government stakes in Nandipur Power Plant (NPP) and Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco) against outstanding due amount of over Rs100 billion, well informed sources in Petroleum Division told Business Recorder. Sharing the details they said, the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) considered the Privatisation Division's [more >>](#)

Extra power for KE's industrial users; Govt fails to implement its 'support package' decision: PALSPSource: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: The government has failed to implement its decision of extending support package for additional consumption of power for K-Electric's industrial users despite continuous push from the PM Office (PMO). Industry stakeholders argue that being a major consumer of electricity, the steel industry of Karachi is the worst hit as a result of government's failure to implement its..... [more >>](#)

Cut in petrol pricesSource: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

Under immense pressure to provide relief to the masses reeling from a backbreaking price hike, the government has made a considerable decrease in the prices of petrol and diesel for this fortnight. Going cheaper by Rs10 and Rs7.5, petrol and diesel will now be available at Rs214.8 and Rs227.80 per litre respectively – still much higher than Rs150 or thereabouts that was being charged for a l..... [more >>](#)

€43.76m loan signed for 500kV grid stationSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) on Friday inked a 43.76-million-euro loan agreement with KfW Bank for financing the construction of 500-kilovolt Chakwal Grid Station. Apart from this, another grant agreement amounting to 2.4 million euros was also signed, which was provided by the German government for the capacity building in NTDC. The loan signing ceremony was he..... [more >>](#)

Ministers' views on oil import stir controversy

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Within days after government's two finance czars Miftah Ismail and Ishaq Dar openly differed on the country's economic policy direction, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik on Friday also took contradictory positions in the media on proposed discounted oil imports from Russia. FM Bhutto-Zardari, in an interview to a US me..... [more >>](#)

Oil politics

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

VASTLY divergent views about the possibility of buying Russian petrochemicals from Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and Minister of State for Petroleum Musadik Malik has added to the confusion prevailing over the issue. This is perhaps another reflection of the dissonance that afflicts the PDM government. While speaking to American public broadcaster PBS, the foreign minister said that Paki..... [more >>](#)

Completion of energy projects to end outages: CM

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan has said completion of ongoing projects in will address power crisis at the national level and generate revenue for the province. "Completion of ongoing energy projects will prove to be a game changer and help to overcome power crisis in the country," he said this while chairing 11th meeting of the Policy Board of Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Or..... [more >>](#)

Govt revives 11 licences for oil, gas exploration

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to boost oil and gas production in the country and generate revenues in foreign currency, the government has approved the revival of 11 revoked oil and gas exploration licences, after the petroleum division moved a summary in this regard to the cabinet. Sources in the petroleum division revealed that the government approved a framework for the revival of 11 revoked licences th..... [more >>](#)

Nepa notifies 32-paisa cut in power tariff

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) on Saturday notified a 32-paisa per unit reduction on account of fuel cost adjustment (FCA) for consumers of ex-Wapda distribution companies (Discos) for October. The adjustment applies to all users except those consuming up to 300 units, electric vehicle charging stations and agriculture consumers. Power users entitled to the r..... [more >>](#)

Trees vs fossil fuel

Source: [Imran Jan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

The word 'organic' and the phrase 'environment friendly' are arguably used more for style and less for pragmatism. But they're there and we hear and read them without much notice. I was at a Nike store during the Black Friday sale event in America. There was obviously a long queue because people had to buy these essential items such as sneakers with Air written at th..... [more >>](#)

KE seeks Rs7.04 tariff cut

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

KARACHI: K-Electric consumers are likely to get a big relief as the company has sought a tariff reduction of Rs7.04 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA). The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) announced in a statement that it would conduct a public hearing on December 27 of a petition filed by K-Electric for the FCA for November 2022. FCA is based on changes in [more >>](#)

Govt to tap K-P's hydropower potential CM says ongoing projects will resolve power crisis

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

PESAHWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Chief Minister Mahmood Khan has said that the government has been working under a well devised strategy to take full advantage of hydropower potential in the province. He added that completion of ongoing projects in K-P would address power crisis at the national level, provide electricity to local people at cheaper rates and generate revenue for the province. [more >>](#)

DISCOs' tariff slashed by Rs0.32 per unit for Oct

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Saturday notified a tariff reduction of Rs0.32 per unit for the ex-Wapda power distribution companies (DISCOs) on account of fuel cost adjustment for October 2022. The electricity price reduction will be applicable to all consumer categories except for lifeline consumers using up to 50 units, domestic consumers consuming up to t..... [more >>](#)

Dar sharpens focus on energy circular debt

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar is considering a plan to reduce the stock of circular debt in both power and gas sectors by dividends or issuance of term finance certificates (TFC). Sources said that Finance Minister has sought a viable plan from the Ministry of Energy during a meeting on energy sector reforms on Saturday to reduce the stock of circular debt through dividends or TFC. He..... [more >>](#)

Conserving Energy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

The federal government just approved an ambitious national energy conservation plan which is set for implementation within the next few days. The drastic measures being proposed are intended to help achieve billions in savings so our Rs.2.437 trillion circular debt in the energy sector can be resolved eventually. But what is touted to be a 'grand', 'life-saving' and '..... [more >>](#)

No decision yet to increase power tariff: Dastgir

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-22

FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Energy Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan has said that the government is striving to serve the nation and provide a better future to the next generations. He was addressing a function held to lay foundation stone of a new 132KV grid station at Kot Momin on Wednesday. The minister said that the process to resolve consumer complaints at their doorstep would continue in [more >>](#)

No proposal under consideration to increase power tariff: Khurram

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

Islamabad - minister for Power division Khurram dastgir has said that there was no truth in reports of increase in power tariff adding that no such proposal was under consideration. The Power ministry runs various simulations in its efforts to reduce circular debt and such simulations consider a wide range of options, but this doesn't mean that every option will result in tariff inc..... [more >>](#)

Govt asks Nepra to raise power tariff for K-Electric consumers by Rs3.21 per unit

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD-The federal government has requested National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to increase power tariff by Rs3.21 per unit for K-Electric consumers on account of quarterly adjustments. The federal government has filed motion to NEPRA with respect to recommendation of consumer-end tariff for K-Electric, said NEPRA. As per practice, the government maintains a uniform tariff acr..... [more >>](#)

Committee constituted on circular debt settlement plan for gas sector companies

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi and Asma Ghani, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD-Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday constituted a committee on circular debt settlement plan for gas sector companies. According to the Terms of Reference (TORs), the committee would undertake a detailed mapping of gas sector circular debt (CD) stock as of 30th June 2022, segregating principal amount of debt, LPS, penalties and LDs among the under-reference public sector entities of..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt in gas sector: Committee formed to give roadmap in 10 days

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: Amid the IMF demand for hiking gas tariffs, the government has constituted a high-powered committee on Circular Debt Settlement Plan for gas sector companies with the mandate to devise a clear roadmap for erasing this monster within 10 days. The circular debt of the cash-bleeding gas sector has accumulated to Rs1,600 billion and has now gripped the gas sector after the failure of the g..... [more >>](#)

Same old plan to save energy

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

Pakistan's energy sector has long been under severe stress due to the surging demand that is rarely met as well as the circular debt during a period of economic stagflation. With the onset of the winter season, the incumbent government has announced austerity measures to combat a possible energy shortfall, with the aim of saving energy. Measures include early closure of markets and marriage [more >>](#)

Depleting oil, gas reserves

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-19

While populist politicians may rave about the country's resource wealth, the hard facts inspire far less confidence. A recent Petroleum Division report says Pakistan has almost run through its known oil and gas reserves, meaning that we will be even more dependent on imported fossil fuels in the future unless a massive — and expensive — transition to renewable energy comes about..... [more >>](#)

IMF asks for passing on Rs65bn burden to power consumers

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2022-12-21

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked Pakistan to pass on Rs65 billion to consumers of electricity which has been deferred in the shape of Fuel Price Adjustments (FPA) during the peak of last summer season. Out of the total outstanding amount of Rs65 billion on account of deferment of FPA in the electricity bills in the current fiscal year, the government has agreed with the [more >>](#)

Power tariff may go up to revive IMF package

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2022-12-20

ISLAMABAD: In a last-ditch effort to revive the stalled IMF programme, the government has made a plan with four options under consideration for slashing circular debt whereby the maximum electricity tariff can go up by Rs31.6/kWh through the imposition of a new surcharge. The proposal aims to slap a surcharge on five categories including commercial, bulk, industrial, others, and general services [more >>](#)

OGDCL discovers oil, gas reserves in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-12-20

KARACHI: The Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has discovered oil and gas reserves from an exploratory well in district Sanghar, Sindh, a statement said on Monday. In a notice to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), the country's largest oil and gas exploration company announced the discovery of reserves in an exploratory located in Sanghar. "As operator with 100 percent w..... [more >>](#)

Circular debt takes centre stage

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The government, on Wednesday, did not approve a Rs17 billion subsidy sought by the Petroleum Division to make payments for the import of diesel from Kuwait, as it set up a committee to prepare a plan for the settlement of a Rs1.4 trillion gas sector circular debt. The Petroleum Division had asked for the funds to cover the shortfall that surfaced due to huge exchange rate losses susta..... [more >>](#)

Govt's dilemma of filling Rs700 billion hole

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The energy ministry has worked out a Rs2.3 to a whopping Rs31.60 per unit electricity surcharge to cover a hole of over Rs700 billion, which has surfaced due to bad governance, unrealistic budgeting and political decisions to give subsidies to exporters and farmers. Rs700 billion deviations against the Circular Debt Reduction Plan 2023 has also become the biggest stumbling block in th..... [more >>](#)

CCP takes action against PESCO for abusing dominant position

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-20

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has in its order found that Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco) has acted in violation of Section 3 of the Competition Act. This entails abusing its dominant position by imposing discriminatory terms and unfair trading conditions in the provision of Right of Way (ROW) to cable and internet service providers in Peshawar. In the order d..... [more >>](#)

Too little, too late?

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

EXACTLY six months after it made a similar attempt, the government is back to checking off a familiar list of 'austerity measures' that it thinks will save the country countless billions every year. The measures include shutting down markets and restaurants by 8pm, instituting a work-from-home policy for a fifth of the government workforce, introducing electric motorbikes and more energy-..... [more >>](#)

Tola-led body formed to settle gas sector debt

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: With petroleum sector circular debt going beyond Rs1.5 trillion and power sector debt on top of Rs2.5tr, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday constituted a committee led by the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan Ashfaq Tola to suggest a way forward on settlement of gas sector debt. The 13-member committee would be responsible to undertake a detailed map..... [more >>](#)

Electricity saving: It isn't broke; don't fix

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

So, energy conservation is the new plan. Nothing never seen before, but least needed than ever before. The idea is to have the markets shut earlier and wedding events to be over earlier. Well, making most use of the daylight can never be a bad idea. But this being pitched as a solution to tackle the mess Pakistan finds itself in, does not make much sense. That is largely because like most tim..... [more >>](#)

'Exchange losses' Non-provision of needed funds worries Petroleum Division

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division is said to have expressed its concerns on the Finance Division's 'apathy' with regard to provision of additional funds required to bridge the upheaval in the rupee-dollar parity, sources close to the secretary petroleum told Business Recorder. The Petroleum Division, sources said, conveyed its distress after the Finance Ministry refused to s..... [more >>](#)

Govt decides to introduce 'special cops' to catch power thieves

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to raise a Special Police Force to take stern action against electricity thieves on the pattern of Punjab CTD with operational autonomy, well-informed sources in the Ministry of Industries and Production told Business Recorder. The decision was taken in a meeting on Prime Minister's Strategic Roadmap presided over by the Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif..... [more >>](#)

Margala Block; Transfer of 30pc working interest of MOL to MPCL approved by ECC

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has approved transfer of 30 per cent working interest of MOL Pakistan to Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) in Margala Block. The ECC meeting presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar considered a summary of the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) on assignment of working interest in exploration licenses blocks and a..... [more >>](#)

Gas sector 10-member body formed on circular debt settlement

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-22

ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division constituted a 10-member committee on circular debt settlement of the gas sector on Wednesday with a timeline to submit report within 10 days after holding day-to-day meetings. Sources said that the gas sector circular debt has increased to Rs1,549 billion and the number was shared with the finance minister Ishaq Dar during a meeting couple of days ago. Acc..... [more >>](#)

Red Tape

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-23

There's nothing new to the alarm bells sounded by the Hydro Electric Power Association as it deplored the prime minister to take note of the widespread red tape determined to knock the air out of small hydel projects or shut the book on them altogether. Pakistan's energy sector has for decades, ignored its immense hydropower potential, which could help alleviate the impact of our ever-rising energy costs..... [more >>](#)

SNGPL claims to have mitigated issue of low pressure

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

LAHORE: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) management on Thursday claimed to have taken various measures leading to resolving low gas pressure-related issues in various parts of Punjab. According to a spokesman, the company while monitoring the supply data in real-time through a system in place observed improvement in the gas pressure through completion and commissioning of 9 km long [more >>](#)

OGDCL makes second discovery in Sanghar

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

KARACHI: Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDC) said on Thursday a joint venture that it leads as operator has discovered oil and gas from an exploratory well named Kot Nawab-1 located in Sanghar, Sindh. A stock notice said the joint venture of Sinjhor Block consists of OGDC with a 76 per cent stake, Orient Petroleum Inc (19pc) and Government Holdings Ltd (5pc). Kot Nawab-1 was spudded-in on..... [more >>](#)

Rice exporters seek cheap energy

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Exporters on Thursday asked the federal government to allow a subsidised power tariff of Rs19.99 and an uninterrupted gas supply to rice mills to arrest the declining trend in export. Pakistan's rice exports dipped by 9.33 per cent to \$749.40 million in July-November this year from \$826.50m in the corresponding months of last year. During a meeting with Commerce Secretary..... [more >>](#)

Reduction in circular debt of gas sector by 70pc; PM directs Petroleum, Finance Divisions to prepare master plan

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed Petroleum and Finance Divisions to prepare a master plan to reduce circular debt of the gas sector by 70 percent from existing Rs 1.6 trillion to Rs 500 billion by December 28, 2022, sources close to the finance minister told Business Recorder. The decision was taken at a meeting on gas sector circular debt presided over by the prime minister..... [more >>](#)

Energy conservation plan; Govt exhorted to finalise business timings in consultation with traders

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has urged the federal government to take business community of the capital on board prior to commencing implementation of the energy conservation plan. Chairing a meeting of the chamber's Traders Committee, ICCI President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that the government wants to conserve energy, which is good. However, he c..... [more >>](#)

Small traders reject energy conservation plan

Source: Recorder Report, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

KARACHI: Small traders Thursday rejected the government's energy conservation plan that stipulates to close markets by 8pm, saying "the government should adopt an austerity plan for itself, instead." "Forcing markets closures by 8pm in Karachi on the pretext of energy-saving is not fair under any circumstances," spokesman for All Pakistan Anjuman-e- Tajiran, Sindh..... [more >>](#)

'Energy sector offers significant investment opportunities'

Source: Amin Ahmed, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: The 'Energy Outlook 2030' published by the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) says Pakistan's energy sector presents significant investment opportunities because of its efforts to transition to a more competitive energy market structure, its continued support for private projects, and the government's commitment to significantly develop renewable [more >>](#)

No decision yet on early closure of markets, eateries: Murad

Source: Dawn Report, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

LARKANA: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said he believes the crisis in Punjab Assembly will not spill over to other provinces. His government had not yet taken a decision on federal government's proposals for closure of markets by 8pm, marriage halls and restaurants by 10pm and having 20 per cent workforce do work from home, the chief minister said while talking to journalists..... [more >>](#)

Energy saving need of the hour

Source: Usman Hanif, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

KARACHI: Businessmen of the country, while appreciating the energy conservation policy, have suggested to the government to switch over to daylight saving time (DST) by advancing the clock by one hour, which will help to utilise daylight and make savings in energy import. Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) has welcomed the federal government's decision to close shops by 8pm and wedding halls [more >>](#)

ADB for higher investments in hydropower

Source: Tahir Amin, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy investment needs until 2030 vary significantly. Considering three scenarios – business-as-usual (BAU), government commitments and green growth - the estimates for energy investment range from \$62 billion to \$155 billion, highlighting significant requirements for transitioning to more sustainable sources of energy generation and implementing extensive energy [more >>](#)

Local gas, RLNG; Ogra underscores need for revising tariffs

Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has proposed to the government to rationalise tariffs of indigenous gas and RLNG in the wake of recent amendments to the OGRA Ordinance, 2002, as there is a massive difference in the actual cost of gas and the consumer sale prices of the gas companies which is leading to massive cross-subsidy, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. [more >>](#)

Circular debt – short-term remedies

Source: Farhat Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

The circular debt (CD) emerged as a perpetual menace ever since the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) surfaced on the power generation landscape of the country in the mid-1990s. Over the years, it has constantly increased and has now reached a level that threatens the economy and fiscal discipline of the state. Successive governments attempted to fix it by doling out subsidies to keep afloat t..... [more >>](#)

Oily matters - III

Source: Syed Akhtar Ali, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-25

Deregulating the oil sector: Business circles in the oil sector have been lobbying for deregulating the oil sector, arguing that it would be more efficient and would bring down prices. Generally and broadly speaking, deregulation and privatization are required to spur economic efficiency and growth. The claim has been contested by user groups who are sceptical about the claimed prospects of price [more >>](#)

Petrol price slashed by Rs10 per litre

Source: News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar Thursday announced that the price of petrol had been slashed by Rs10 to Rs214.80 per litre for the next fortnight effective from December 16 (today). In a video address, Dar said the petrol price was reduced in line with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's aspirations of providing maximum relief to the masses. As a result of the revised ra..... [more >>](#)

Electricity theft to be stopped through policing, outsourcing bill collection

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday in principle accorded approval to the Power Division's proposed plan to cope with electricity theft of Rs380-400 billion annually through policing to enforce writ of electricity distribution companies (Discos) and outsourcing of electricity bills collection to private sector. The high-profile meeting attended by ministers and top official..... [more >>](#)

Petrol price down by Rs 10 per litre

Source: Agencies, [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-16

The government on Thursday announced to set the new price of petrol at Rs 214.80 per liter with a reduction of Rs 10 rupees in the price of petrol. While announcing reduction in the prices of petroleum products, Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said that the new price of high speed diesel is Rs 227.80 with a reduction of Rs 7.50 per liter, and the new price of kerosene oil is Rs 171.83 with a r..... [more >>](#)

Attock Refinery shutdown to create POL, gas crisis up north

Source: Khalid Mustafa, [The News, International](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD: Northern Pakistan would experience a shortage of POL products, once Attock Refinery Limited's (ARL) crude storage hits maximum capacity in 6-7 days, leading to low refining capacity, Energy Ministry officials the told

The News. Explaining the situation, the officials said that ARL that uses 100 percent local crude, would have no capacity to store crude oil in a week. This, they s..... [more >>](#)

National Contingency Energy Saving Plan approved

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-16

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb said on Thursday that National Contingency Energy Saving Plan had been prepared which would significantly reduce the import bill. In a tweet, she said that this decision was made in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on economic recovery and elimination of energy shortage. The minister said that extraordinary measures wer..... [more >>](#)

New oil refining policy awaits ECC approval

Source: [Tanveer Malik](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-17

KARACHI: Secretary Petroleum Division has signed the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy for submitting before the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and the federal cabinet for approval, The News learnt on Friday. The fiscal regime in the new refining policy envisages that there would be a custom duty of at-least 10 percent for six years on motor gasoline and diesel of all grades as well as impor..... [more >>](#)

NTDC inks agreement for construction of 500KV Chakwal grid station

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-18

The National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC) on Friday inked 43.76 million Euro loan agreement with KfW Bank for financing the construction of 500 kV Chakwal Grid Station. Apart from this, another grant agreement amounting to 2.4 million Euro was also signed which was provided by the Government of Germany for capacity building in NTDC, said a press release. Mr. Sebastian Jacobi, Direct..... [more >>](#)

GB Power Department, European company sign agreement to end power crises

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-17

An agreement has been signed between the Department of Power Gilgit-Baltistan and the European private company JACOB IROON International Ventures to supply 180MW electricity from dual fuel to overcome the power crises in GB. According to a statement issued by the spokesperson of the Department of Power GB here Friday, Secretary Power Gilgit-Baltistan Zafar Waqar Taj and Director of European Priva..... [more >>](#)

Russia to supply oil at discount: Musadik

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD: Reiterating his earlier stance, State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik Friday said Russia will supply crude oil, petrol and diesel to Pakistan at the maximum possible discount. Musadik's statement came a day after Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in an interview with the US media said, "As far as Russia is concerned, we aren't pursuing or receiving any disc..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum From Russia

Source: [Editorial Board](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-18

The latest controversy in Pakistan's energy insecurity saga has left the government in a flurry as it jostles to resolve the confusion over the country's petroleum deal with Russia. Given our dire straits, any good news should be celebrated. If mature, this procurement could ease a huge chunk of pressure off the common man's pocket but the yearning to paint the town red cannot co..... [more >>](#)

Global crude prices likely to average around \$92 next year: World Bank

Source: [Khaleej Times](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-18

Global crude oil prices are expected to average \$92 per barrel in 2023 and \$80 per barrel in 2024, the World Bank said in a report late. This is slightly lower than the a projected \$100 per barrel in 2022, noted Peter Nagle, Senior Economist, and Kaltrina Temaj, research analyst with the World Bank's Prospects Group, in a blog. While crude prices have fallen by about one-third from their h..... [more >>](#)

Without revising tariff: Govt hammering out plan to cut circular debt

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: Without allowing an upward revision in electricity and gas tariffs, the government on Saturday directed the relevant authorities to come up with viable plans to reduce the monster of circular debt that had now peaked at Rs4 trillion. However, without pricing adjustments, the IMF has rejected the initial plan for slashing the circular debt shared by Pak authorities with them in recent d..... [more >>](#)

EU reaches deal on major carbon market reform

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-19

EU member states and parliamentarians on Sunday announced an agreement for a major reform to the bloc's carbon market, the central plank of its ambitions to reduce emissions and invest in climate-friendly technologies. The deal aims to accelerate emissions cuts, phase out free allowances to industries and targets fuel emissions from the building and road transport sectors, according to a Eu..... [more >>](#)

KP CM directs PEDO to complete hydropower projects

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan has expressed his satisfaction over the performance of Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (PEDO) and directed the relevant authorities to complete hydropower projects on priority basis. He said that the provincial government was working on a strategy to take full advantage of hydropower potential in the province. He added that completion of ongoing [more >>](#)

K-Electric says ready to pay back Rs7.04 per unit to consumers

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

ISLAMABAD: The K-Electric has shown its willingness to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepa) to pay Rs7.04/unit back to power consumers in January 2023 bills on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for November 2022. The Karachi-based power facility has submitted its application to the power regulator, which would hold a public hearing on it on December 27, 2022, to know if..... [more >>](#)

1320 MW coal-fired energy added to national grid

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-20

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that 1320 MW of coal-fired energy has been added to the national grid during the current month and another 660 MW would be added next year. This he said on Monday while presiding over a board meeting of Thar Coal Energy here at the CM House. The meeting was attended by Minister Education Syed Sardar Shah, Minister Energy Imtiaz Shaikh, Advisor to [more >>](#)

Privatisation of power distribution companies-I

Source: [Syed Akhtar Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD: DISCOs (distribution companies) in the power sector have been a constant source of worries for successive governments in Pakistan. Losses, leakages, receivables, supply quality and discontinuities, and now the rising circular debt for which DISCOs are only partly responsible. Many options have been examined and pursued, of which two are the most common and widely debated; privatisatio..... [more >>](#)

MoFA opposes 'alteration' in IPPs' revised agreement

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has reportedly opposed alteration in IPPs' revised agreements of 2019 on a foreign country's demand, saying that by raising prospects for re-opening already signed agreements with the government, in the wake of a 'leaked' report, would raise apprehensions in business circles and amongst prospective investors, well informed source..... [more >>](#)

Thar coal to be linked with PQ thru rail system

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to link Thar coal and Port Qasim (PQ) with Pakistan Railways network through Rs 58.240 billion project in order to provide bulk transportation facilities as per requirement of the economy. Sources said that the PC-I of the project has been prepared and is expected to be approved soon. They added that the total project cost of Rs 58.240 billion would be fi..... [more >>](#)

PMO seeks report on proposed changes in net-metering regulations

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister Office (PMO) has sought report from Power Division on the concerns of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on the proposed amendments in Net Metering regulations. FPCCI had written a letter to the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, following a public hearing at Nepra on this issue and comments of Chairman Nepra, Tauseef H Farooqi. FPC..... [more >>](#)

Energy projects to earn Rs10bn per annum for KP: secretary

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

PESHAWAR: The Secretary Energy & Power KP Nisar Ahmad Khan has said that the timely completion of ongoing energy projects in the province is the first priority, however, the ongoing economic issues in the country are proving to be a major obstacle in the completion of energy projects, for which an integrated strategy is indispensable. Department of Energy subsidiary Pakhtunkhwa Energy Dev..... [more >>](#)

Petroleum imports – FY22 snapshot

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

Petroleum sector im-ports have been rising. The central bank's annual report for FY22 sheds light on the petroleum sector's growth and performance in FY22. SBP in its annualreport highlights that the POL sector's growth moderated amidst capacity issues and growing import of refined petroleum during FY22. As illustrated in this space many times before, the growth in the petro..... [more >>](#)

If winter comes, can gas supply go on in Lahore?

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

LAHORE: With the city temperature plunging to its lowest, various parts of Lahore, especially the tail-end areas, are facing either extremely low gas pressure or no gas these days. The situation, persisting for quite some time now, is worsening by the day as intensity in the cold weather increases. On Monday, the city temperature plunged to 5 degrees, further necessitating the supply of gas. Howe..... [more >>](#)

Gas connections of consumers using compressors removed

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

ISLAMABAD: Special Task Force of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL), during its ongoing operation to stop illegal use of compressors in the Islamabad region, has removed more than 27 gas meters, detected 18 theft cases and lodged six FIRs over direct tapping and causing loss to the national exchequer. Sharing some details, spokesman for the SNGPL Islamabad Region Shahid Akram told this agency that..... [more >>](#)

Govt weighs options to recover Rs447bn Gas Infrastructure Development Cess

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday decided to use all the administrative and legal resources to recover Rs447 billion Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) from commercial and industrial entities which had blocked due payments through high courts despite standing orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan for recoveries. The decision was taken at a GIDC meeting presided over by Finance Minister..... [more >>](#)

Rs370bn investment proposed for national grid expansion

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

ISLAMABAD: The National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) that runs the country's national grid has sought approval for a Rs370 billion investment plan for system expansion and loss reduction over the next three years (2023-25). In a petition to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), the transmission system operator stated that the proposed investment was required [more >>](#)

Energy equipment distributor plans IPO

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

KARACHI: Energy equipment distributor NetLine Ltd plans to raise funds through the stock exchange after setting up a state-of-the-art solar panel plant in Islamabad. Speaking to reporters at the company's head office on Monday, NetLine Ltd Director Umair Zavary said the firm recently received a valuation of \$4.5 million from Intermarket Securities, a Karachi-based brokerage house. Based on..... [more >>](#)

Dar chairs meeting on GIDC recovery Meeting informed that GIDC arrears had risen to Rs447

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on Monday that each and every penny of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) would be recovered from defaulters. Dar chaired a meeting on the GIDC. The meeting was informed that GIDC arrears had risen to Rs447. Officials said that there are 3,194 petitions about the GIDC were pending in various courts. The finance minister expressed serious conc..... [more >>](#)

Russia says can send natural gas 'in long term'

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

MOSCOW: Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak told state TASS news agency that in the long-term, Russia can send its natural gas to the markets of Afghanistan and Pakistan, either using the infrastructure of Central Asia, or in a swap from the territory of Iran. He also said that Moscow is ready to resume gas supplies to Europe through the Yamal-Europe Pipeline. "The European ma..... [more >>](#)

Cut in UfG targets in Interior Sindh, B'stan; SSGC yet to share action plan with AGP

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

ISLAMABAD: The Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has yet to share the action plan with the Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) on the reduction in the unaccounted for gas (UfG) targets in Interior Sindh and Balochistan. The UfG losses at the overall company level remained at around 17 percent, which was beyond allowable UfG benchmark of 7.6 percent by the Ogra which resulted in a huge loss of Rs1..... [more >>](#)

LNG price steadies; supply scarce

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

Winters, gas shortfall, mad dash for imported gas. It keeps coming back every year and 2022 is not any different. The only respite has come in the form of significantly reduced import bill of RLNG due to much reduced availability in the spot market, and moderation in Brent oil prices. Pakistan's failure to attract LNG cargoes from the spot market has been well-recorded, which has kept overall..... [more >>](#)

Russia can supply gas to Pakistan, Afghanistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-27

MOSCOW: Russia can send natural gas to the markets of Afghanistan and Pakistan in the long term, said Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak. He added that this can be possible either using the infrastructure of Central Asia, or in a swap from the territory of Iran. The deputy premier also said Moscow is ready to resume gas supplies to Europe through the Yamal-Europe Pipeline. "The..... [more >>](#)

Conserving energy

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

The government took its sweet time to come up with an energy conservation roadmap which, according to news reports, would save the economy over Rs 250 billion. It will be a long time before plans to comprehensively overhaul the entire sector can be rolled out, of course, yet the demand-supply equation must be balanced in the immediate term, so there's no choice but to implement short-term au..... [more >>](#)

Additional high power transformer to be installed in Lakki

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

LAKKI MARWAT - The Peshawar electric Supply Company (PeSCO) has decided to install an additional high power transformer in the 132KV Tajazai Grid Station in Lakki Marwat to resolve low voltage and electricity tripping problems. "A high power transformer (20/26 MVA capacity) has reached the grid station and work on its installation will begin soon," said PeSCO executive engineer..... [more >>](#)

Gas reserves discovered in DI Khan

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The ministry of energy has discovered new reserves of gas and condensate from an exploratory well in the Dera Ismail Khan district. The discovery was made in collaboration with private partners, the ministry said in a statement. The statement said that the reserves were discovered from an exploratory well, namely 92 Kot Palak-1, which is located in Dera's frontier region (..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan lacks infrastructure to import Russian gas

Source: [Kazim Alam](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

KARACHI: The import of gas from Russia is still a distant dream for Pakistan despite the two countries' willingness to play ball. Analysts say the renewed discussion around gas imports from Russia won't amount to much — at least in the short term — for two reasons. One, lack of infrastructure to handle gas imports; and two, inadequate capacity in the existing pipeline syst..... [more >>](#)

Lenders, bureaucrats blamed for power crisis

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The power sector default now stands at Rs2.5 trillion in addition to Rs2.6tr of circular debt despite over Rs3.4tr of subsidies paid since 2007 and total power sector losses of Rs5.7tr, a direct outcome of bad policies pursued by successive governments on the advice of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and USAID. The poor governance structure controlled by the federal bureaucracy [more >>](#)

Power sector receivables cross Rs2.5trn mark

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy sector is going through severe crisis as the power sector's receivables against various consumers including provincial governments, federal government, and private sector have crossed Rs2.5 trillion. This was stated by Tahir Basharat Cheema, former managing director (MD) Pakistan Electric Power Company (PEPCO), while addressing the launch ceremony of a..... [more >>](#)

Nepra allows KE Rs7.43 cut, Discos Re0.19 hike per unit

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has allowed Rs7.43 per unit decrease in electricity price for K-Electric (KE), whereas, it allowed an increase of Re0.19 per unit for other parts of the country. While presiding over public hearings of the KE and Discos regarding FCA, Nepra chairman Tauseef H Farooqui on Tuesday decided to increase the K-Electric quarterly ta..... [more >>](#)

Private agri consumers of Discos, KE to get Rs3.60/ unit relief

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has decided that private agriculture consumers of all Discos and K-Electric would be provided a relief of Rs3.60 per unit in their current base rate of Rs16.80 per unit. This was the decision of the regulator in the matter regarding the reduction in the price of electricity as requested by the Ministry of Energy, Power Divisi..... [more >>](#)

Power transmission programme; ADB approves \$0.2m technical aid to support Tranche-4 of MFF

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved technical assistance of \$0.2 million to support the implementation of Tranche 4 of the multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for the Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program in Pakistan. Official documents revealed that specifically, it will help address the limited participation of women in technical and leadership pos..... [more >>](#)

No significant addition to gas reserves despite 15 discoveries

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Despite 15 oil and gas discoveries during the current calendar year, the country did not witness any significant addition in indigenous gas reserves. The Petroleum Division announced on Tuesday that Joint Venture of Baska North Block (3169-4) comprising Al-Haj Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd as operator (10.85 percent), Al Haj Pakistan Kirthar BV (85 percent), and Government Holdings (Privat..... [more >>](#)

PM's Kissan Package: Rs3.60/unit cut in power tariff for agri tube wells

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: In the preview of Prime Minister's recently announced Kissan Package, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday issued its final decision and cut the power tariff for nearly one million agricultural tube wells by Rs3.60/unit effective from November billing. This subsidised power supply through all the state-run distribution companies (Discos) and privati..... [more >>](#)

Lack of power sector reforms in past triggered circular debt, says PM

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that different past governments in the country had not carried out power sector reforms which swelled the circular debt and the costly power was generated. Addressing a solarization conference here on Tuesday, he cited issues like power theft, transmission losses and expensive fuels as the reasons behind power production and said the circ..... [more >>](#)

'Energy austerity drive to be implemented'

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Wednesday announced that the closing time of markets and businesses would be decided in consensus with traders' associations and other stakeholders for an effective implementation of the national energy austerity drive. Addressing a consultative meeting with the representatives of the All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran (APAT), the ministe..... [more >>](#)

Cabinet approves giving Roosevelt Hotel on lease PM sets up committee to cut electricity use in govt offices by 30pc

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet on Wednesday approved the decisions taken in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCoP) to hire a firm for giving Roosevelt Hotel in New York on lease. The Express Tribune had reported that the committee in its meeting held on Monday had asked the privatisation commission to appoint a financial adviser for leasing the hotel site. The government i..... [more >>](#)

Power demand in Gwadar Free Zone discussed

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has asked the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Ltd (COPHCL) to provide the exact demand of electricity for the Gwadar Free Zone. The minister also asked it to share a ten-year plan for electricity consumption by Gwadar Free Zone Company in order to establish the electricity utilisation of 300MW coal-fired Powe..... [more >>](#)

Energy sector reforms — I

Source: [Sheikh Imranul Haq](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

My previous op-ed, summed up Pakistan's gas supply position vis-à-vis the current demand, prevailing geo-political context, international spot-market under which Pakistan functioned over the last 4 years and the much criticized "Qatar LNG gas deal" which if not signed, the economy today would have potentially grind to a halt due to severe gas shortage, extensive rolling bl..... [more >>](#)

Traders tell ministers closure of shops at 8pm 'unacceptable'

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran (APAT) on Wednesday conveyed to the Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif that the government should not close shops at 8pm, but short-time load shedding is acceptable keeping in view the current economic situation of the country. The Defence Minister was having a consultative meeting held with representatives of the All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran (A..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Refinery Limited

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

Pakistan Refinery Limited (PSX:PRL) is a hydro skimming refinery designed to process imported and local crude oil, located on the coastal belt of Karachi, Pakistan. It was incorporated in Pakistan as a public limited company in 1960. The refinery's current capacity stands approximately at 50,000 barrels per day of crude oil into petroleum products, such as furnace oil, high speed diesel, ke..... [more >>](#)

OGRA advises careful use of gas appliances to avoid tragedies

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD - A spokesman for the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Wednesday advised consumers to ensure careful use of gas appliances including heaters and stoves to avoid any untoward incidents. "Gas heaters and stoves pose serious health risks and are the main cause of many fatal incidents, so due care is needed in the use of gas appliances," OGRA spokesman Imran Gh..... [more >>](#)

Market, business closure timings to be decided in consensus with stakeholders, says Khawaja Asif

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Wednesday said the closure timings of markets and businesses would be decided in consensus with traders' associations and other stakeholders for an effective implementation of the national energy austerity drive. he was addressing a consultative meeting of representatives of the all Pakistan anjuman-e-Tajran (aPaT). Federal Minis..... [more >>](#)

Body formed to cut power use

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-29

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed to set up a committee to work on reducing electricity consumption in the government offices by 30 percent. The committee will comprise the Federal Minister for Energy, Federal Minister for Planning, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources and relevant secretaries. The prime minister gave the direction while chairing the meeting of [more >>](#)

Multipronged strategy underway to avert severe gas crisis

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-29

The impact of the global energy crisis following the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the previous regime's failure to take prudent steps had led to the fears that the nation would experience the worst-ever gas crisis during the ongoing high-demand winter season. Everything is not alright, however, the current coalition government's multi-faceted strategy to tackle the situation seems worki..... [more >>](#)

Russia team due next month to seal oil deal

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

ISLAMABAD: A delegation from Moscow will reach Islamabad next month to discuss the possibility of Russian oil sale. According to government sources, a meeting was held between Pakistani and Russian officials through a video link on buying crude oil and petroleum products from Moscow. State Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik and the petroleum secretary participated in the online meeting from t..... [more >>](#)

President calls for nationwide energy conservation plan

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday called for launching a consensus-based nationwide, comprehensive and all-encompassing electricity, gas and water conservation strategies to conserve precious national resources and divert them for the welfare and prosperity of the people. The president, during a meeting on energy conservation at Aiwan-e-Sadr, underscored that a comprehensive policy a..... [more >>](#)

Audit shows SSGC paid Rs6.27m for club memberships, facilities

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

ISLAMABAD: The top management of the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has violated a decision from its board of directors and reimbursed a multi-million-rupee club membership fee to over 25 executives. The company management had failed to honour the decision of the board of directors (BoD) of SSGC which had directed the management to immediately stop privileges including club membership faci..... [more >>](#)

'Remove fixed electricity charges for industries'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), on Thursday, urged the government to remove the Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) fixed charges for the industrial consumers of electricity. In a statement, LCCI leaders said that a large number of their members complained that the MDI fixed charges are payable regardless of whether any electricity has been consumed or not - which is a she..... [more >>](#)

Proposal to save Rs100b unsatisfactory PM asks Power Division to reevaluate numbers, plan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

KARACHI: Chairing a federal cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif last week disagreed with a proposal from the Power Division to save over Rs100 billion in the wake of implementing energy conservation measures. The

PM had asked for the implementation of the energy conservation plan aimed at reducing the import bill on the purchase of fuel for power generation. He also directed the Power..... [more >>](#)

Energy conservation; Presidency shows wedded to sanctity of govt initiative

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330MW added to national grid

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMKOT: The 330 MW ThalNova Power Thar was successfully synchronized with the national grid raising the total production of power from Thar coal to around 3,000 MW. Minister of State Dr Mahesh Kumar Malani on behalf of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, whose flight was canceled due to bad weather in Thar, inaugurated the synchronization of ThalNova with the national grid by switching on..... [more >>](#)

Wapda chairman inspects work on Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project

Source: [Tariq Naqash](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

MUZAFFARABAD: Wapda Chairman retired Lt Gen Sajjad Ghani visited Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project (NJHP) on Friday and reviewed progress on the remedial work in the project's tail race tunnel. The chief executive officer of NJHP company and representatives of the contractors of remedial works and consultants were also present on the occasion. Electricity generation from the 969-megawatt NJ..... [more >>](#)

POL prices likely to remain unchanged

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: The government may leave ex-depot prices of petrol and high-speed diesel unchanged at current levels for the first half of January 2023. According to a source, keeping in view the existing petroleum levy, general sales tax and inland freight equalisation margin, petrol price should go down by Rs0.46 per litre while diesel should become cheaper by Rs0.92 per litre with effect from Janu..... [more >>](#)

330MW from Thar coal added to national grid Will take Thar's coal contribution to power generation up to 3,000MW

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

HYDERABAD: Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO)'s 330-megawatt (MW) powerplant, fired by Tharparkar's coal, formally started supplying electricity to the national grid on Friday in Islamkot. Inaugurated by the Minister of State, Mahesh Malani, this fresh addition of 330MW will take Thar's coal contribution to power generation up to 3,000MW. Due to bad weather, Sindh Chief Minister..... [more >>](#)

PSO's circular debt soars to around Rs600bn

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil Company Limited's (PSOCL's) circular debt has reached around Rs600 billion including Rs180 billion of the power sector till the end of calendar year 2022. The winter season is posing a greater threat to the country's supply chain security with the substantial increase in gas-related circular debt receivables. The circular debt stands in the oil [more >>](#)

Power sector circular debt; MoITT demands Finance Division return Rs61.2bn borrowed from USF in 2013

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT) has demanded the Finance Division to return Rs 61.2 billion — borrowed from the Universal Service Fund (USF) in 2013 for clearing power sector circular debt, as it is facing financial constraints to launch new projects. This was confirmed by the Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication..... [more >>](#)

All-risk insurance of Guddu; Genco-II board seeks PD's permission plant

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: The Board of Directors (BoD) of Central Power Generation Company (Genco-II) has sought permission from the Power Division to obtain all-risk insurance of Guddu Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCP) from the market through competitive bidding as NICL has failed to fulfill performance benchmarks. According to Chairman of the Board, Syed Tahir Nawazish, as per the Power Division's dir..... [more >>](#)

Conserving Energy

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

Unsurprisingly, the federal government's recently announced National Energy Savings Plan has seen criticism from private business owners, particularly the trading community in Karachi. Asking for shops to reduce their working hours and close earlier in the evening to consume less power makes no sense, considering the focus should be on removing impediments to supply instead of restricting de..... [more >>](#)

LPG price slashed by Rs11.6 per kg for Jan

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD-The federal government Friday reduced the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by Rs11.60 per kilogramme for domestic and commercial consumers for January 2023. According to notification issued by OGRA, the price of LPG for January 2023 has been reduced by Rs 11.60/kg which will decrease the price of a domestic 11.8kg cylinder by Rs136.86, from Rs 2,548.29 in December 2022 to Rs 2,411..... [more >>](#)

Renewable Energy**Shift To Solar**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

The government's announcement of cutting energy consumption costs and clamping down on power theft is a move in the right direction, but just how effective this strategy will be is still questionable. The plan will be presented for approval at the next cabinet meeting—and it is hoped more details will be released once this is done. Based on reports regarding the plan, there is a strat..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs to explore solar energy potential to save billions

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

ISLAMABAD-Pakistan can generate a lot of clean and cheap energy by using solar photovoltaic technology to overcome the prevailing energy crisis, WealthPK reported. According to experts, implementing on-site grid-tied, micro-generation, or net-metering solar solutions is critical for improving the country's energy generation. The use of solar photovoltaic technology will enable the country t..... [more >>](#)

CM approves installation of 500 solar water pumps

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-18

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi granted an approval to install 500 solar water pumps in 13 districts of Punjab, on Saturday. Chairing a meeting in his office to review implementation of the solar water pump

programme, he said that water would be provided for 2,270 acres of land with the installation of solar water pumps during the first phase, adding that a solar water pump..... [more >>](#)

Shehbaz for solarisation of govt buildings before summer

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to reduce the import bill and promote solar energy, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday directed authorities concerned to complete the solarisation of the government buildings before the onset of the summer season. During a meeting, the PM said the utilisation of solar energy was inevitable to improve the economy by reducing the import bill of fuels. Calling for the prom..... [more >>](#)

Govt urged to focus on renewable energy projects under CPEC

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-25

KARACHI: Economists and experts have urged the government to have more focus on renewable energy projects under the CPEC to overcome the current energy crisis. Addressing to “Green Financing, CPEC and Industry” session of the 2nd International Conference on CPEC, organized by the Economics and Management Sciences Department (EMD) at NED University, State Bank of Pakistan’s Di..... [more >>](#)

PM calls for early completion of solar energy projects

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-25

LAHORE - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday chaired a review meeting on the use of solar energy to meet the requirements of electricity in the country. He stressed for converting the electricity used in federal government buildings to solar energy. He issued special instructions for formulating a comprehensive strategy to effectively resolve the issues faced in the early completion [more >>](#)

Global warming and the promise of nuclear fusion

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-26

As discussed in the article in this space last week, the developed world is prepared to put a large amount of money at the disposal of the developing world to help fight the consequences of global warming. Most of the damage poor nations are now confronting was caused by centuries of fossil fuel burning by today’s developed world. Global warming has caused faster melting of mountain ice whic..... [more >>](#)

\$3.5m raised to produce solar panels locally

Source: [Salman Siddiqui](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

KARACHI: Eyeing multifield growth in demand for renewable energy in Pakistan, a family-owned power firm says it has successfully raised advanced level ‘Series-A’ investment to kickstart local production of solar panels from the second half (July-December) of 2023. The firm is setting up the plant through the transfer of technology from Turkiye at an initial investment of \$3.5 million..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan has huge solar resource potential, media persons told

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-27

KARACHI: Netline Group of Companies, a family-owned energy solution provider in Pakistan, has grown up exponentially within just few years of its establishment and Intermarket securities, a leading brokerage firm, has confirmed its valuation \$4.5 million. Iqbal Zavary, the founder and chairman of NetLine told a group of reporters here that Intermarket securities has confirmed a 4.5 million US..... [more >>](#)

Federal govt buildings to shift to solar power by April: PM

Source: Syed Irfan Raza, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday vowed to convert all government buildings in the country to solar power, starting from those belonging to federal government entities by April to save 300 to 500 megawatts per month and slash the import bill hovering around \$27 billion a year. Speaking at a solarisation conference in Islamabad, the premier also blamed all previous governments in..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's foray into renewable energy

Source: Salman Siddiqui, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

Climate-induced calamities are one of the biggest driving forces behind the move towards alternative sources of energy. For a developing country like Pakistan, costs associated with climate change can be unbearable. The recent floods that swept through the country inflicted more destruction than was ever imagined. They also contributed significantly to the economic downfall with the estimated cos..... [more >>](#)

'All government buildings to switch to solar power by April'

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-28

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said the government has planned to convert buildings of all federal entities to solar power within the next four months, in a bid to slash the country's skyrocketing \$27 billion fuel import bill. Unveiling details, the prime minister said that the procedures for conversion to solar power should be fast-tracked as they had set April 2023 as [more >>](#)

Solarisation

Source: Editorial, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-29

With the economy on the stretcher, inflation hitting record-levels and a looming energy crisis, the best way forward for Pakistan is to shift towards sustainable means of energy. The Prime Minister's announcement of solarisation with the vision that all federal buildings will operate on solar energy within the next four months is indeed a positive development and will help the government sav..... [more >>](#)

Solar power: No need to fast-track

Source: BR Research, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif enjoys the reputation of a doer. He enjoys being known for doing things at speed. His current stint has not allowed him to show much speed given the firefighting jobs his government seems to be doing on a daily basis. Until a bright idea popped up. The rising energy prices that led to an import challenge made renewable energy more appealing than ever before. And [more >>](#)

Lucky Cement activates 34MW solar plant Project is expected to produce 48GWh annually

Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-31

ISLAMABAD: Lucky Cement has successfully switched on its 34 megawatts (MW) captive solar power plant at its manufacturing site in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), reducing its energy cost significantly and helping cut the country's energy import bill as well. "We are pleased to inform that the installation of the 34 MW captive solar power plant, at our manufacturing site at Pezu, KP, has bee..... [more >>](#)

SDPI s Events

A Lecture

SDPI Holds Lecture On 'Solar Radiation Management'

Source: [Fahad Shabbir](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-12-16

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 15th Dec, 2022): The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a special lecture on 'Solar Radiation Management' with the Executive Director of the Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G) Janos Pasztor here on Thursday. The purpose of the lecture was to discuss Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) for addressing a symptom o..... [more >>](#)

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Dialogue News

IRC urges int'l donors to allocate 35pc of climate-related budget for WASH

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD - International Rescue Committee (IRC) has called upon international donors to allocate at least 35 percent of climate-related budget for WASH raising it from the existing 22 percent for Pakistan and prioritize allocation of WASH and climate-related funding to the countries which are currently unlikely to achieve the WASH SDGs. This was the crux of a research-based 'Climate..... [more >>](#)

WASH as pillar of climate resilience needs adequate funding in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Dayspring](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) is a pillar of climate resilience that needs adequate funding as currently, the WASH sector receives 22% of the total climate funding. This was the crux of a research-based "Climate Financing for WASH brief – Pakistan Scoping Brief" undertaken by IRC researchers and was launched at a ceremony jointly organized by the IRC and the [more >>](#)

'Despite tiny carbon footprint, Pakistan suffered huge losses'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: "Pakistan contributes less than 1% to global CO2 emissions, yet it has suffered enormous human and economic losses due to climate-related disasters," said Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in his keynote address at a dialogue arranged by the Population Council on "Climate & Population at CO..... [more >>](#)

Speakers call for providing adequate funds to water, sanitation and hygiene sector

Source: [Jamil Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-24

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Friday called for adequate funding for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as they were pillars of climate resilience. They were speaking at the launch of a research-based 'Climate Financing for WASH brief – Pakistan Scoping Brief' at a ceremony jointly organised by the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC) and the Sustainable Development Policy..... [more >>](#)

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‘Pakistan received inadequate funds against climate financing’

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-25

Islamabad: Idrees Mahsud, Member, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has said that we need to work together to further the agenda of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Mr Mahsud was speaking at a panel discussion following a launching of research-based “Climate financing for WASH brief – Pakistan scoping brief” undertaken by IRC res..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Household energy transition

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-18

Scarcity is what makes this planet the world we are familiar with and efficient management of limited resources is what makes us the people we are. Otherwise, there would be greater chaos, more crises and unresolved shortages. Economics combines scarcity and efficient management of limited resources. According to one definition, “Economics is t..... [more >>](#)

From Argentina to Argentina Park, Islamabad: Socioeconomic Lessons to Learn

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-20

The year’s biggest event, the FIFA World Cup 2022, came to a spectacular end. Argentina beat France in a penalty shootout and gave their captain a well-earned farewell. Let’s discuss some of the socioeconomic lessons that we can learn from this mega-event. Lesson No 1: Economic and Environmental Sustainability go hand in hand. Modern economics now revolves around the notion of sustain..... [more >>](#)

The state of the economy in 2022

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-28

If Covid-19 in 2020 was a nightmare, then we have been continuously transitioning from one nightmare to another. Generous fiscal stimulus in the rich world, accommodative monetary policies the world over, and a faster-than-expected recovery from Covid gave rise to global commodity demand, resultant commodity shortage, and a rise in their prices in 2021. At the beginning of 2022, experts believed i..... [more >>](#)

From Circular Debt to Circular Economy

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-30

The governments may come and go, but the term “circular debt” is here to stay. With the energy sector facing availability and affordability issues, the exponential rise in the circular debt has alarmed the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who presided over the cabinet meeting on agenda to reduce the circulating debt of the power sector. In a world where modern economic debate is revolving [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

LC restrictions crippling industries

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-17

KARACHI: The non-issuance of letters of credit (LCs) is crippling industrial activities, leading to massive unemployment as companies are unable to import the raw material necessary to keep their manufacturing wheel running. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President Mohammed Tariq Yousuf, while expressing deep concern over the non-issuance of LCs and a severe gas crisis, stated t..... [more >>](#)

China expected to boost world economic recovery in 2023

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China Daily](#), 2022-12-18

BEIJING - Given the resilience and potentials of its economy, analysts believe China will continue to be a reliable and important driving force of global economic growth in 2023. This year, in the face of multiple challenges, China has maintained the overall stability of its economy by effectively coordinating COVID-19 policy with economic and social development and introducing a series of s..... [more >>](#)

Experts demand creation of Climate Change Authority

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-12-19

Islamabad: Pakistan's own environmental governance structure needs to be comprehensively operationalized to seek assistance through international climate financing, especially the 'loss and damage' fund ahead of COP27. The long awaited Climate Change Authority should be created without any further delay as mitigating climate change disasters and seeking climate financing and com..... [more >>](#)

GLOBALink | Pakistani expert upbeat on China-Pak cooperation prospects

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2022-12-19

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 19 (Xinhua) -- "China has given a very significant economic role to Pakistan by initiating the pilot Belt and Road Initiative program of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)." A Pakistani expert is upbeat about cooperation prospects between China and Pakistan under the BRI. Badiea Shaukat, an economic consultant at Sustainable Development Policy Institute, said th..... [more >>](#)

Experts raise alarm on growing water insecurity in country

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-12-21

Scientists and policy advisors say that water scarcity has become a serious threat to Pakistan's sustainable development and economic growth. Addressing a conference 'Climate Change and Water-related Challenges in Pakistan: Tangible Solutions' organised by the Aga Khan University's Institute for Global Health and Development and the national hub of United Nations' Su..... [more >>](#)

Experts raise alarm on growing water insecurity in Pakistan

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2022-12-21

KARACHI: Water scarcity has become a serious threat to Pakistan's sustainable development and economic growth. In addition to surface water, Pakistan's groundwater resources—the last resort of water supply—are severely overdrawn, mainly to supply water for irrigation. If the situation remains unchanged, Pakistan may face an alarming level of water scarcity by 2025. These v..... [more >>](#)

'Reducing population growth to help against climate change impacts'

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

Islamabad: Experts at a dialogue on Thursday said reducing population growth to a sustainable level can help strengthen resilience against climate change impacts as rapid population growth aggravated vulnerabilities of poor

people, especially children and women. "Pakistan contributes less than 1 percent to global CO2 emissions, yet it has suffered enormous human and economic losses due to [more >>](#)

Rapid population growth aggravates vulnerabilities of poor: experts

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan contributes less than one per cent to global carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, yet it has suffered enormous human and economic losses due to climate-related disasters. Rapid population growth aggravated the pre-existing vulnerabilities of poor people, especially children and women. This was stated by retired ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson Board of Governors Sustainable [more >>](#)

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Worst year for Pakistan's economy and businesses

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-30

KARACHI: The major victims of the economic recession in 2022 were the textile industry and its allied sectors; agriculture, import material-based industries and automobiles. All of this has led to a fear of major unemployment in the country. Businessmen termed 2022 the worst performing year for Pakistan's economy. The country's currency dropped Rs49.31 against the US dollar and the i..... [more >>](#)

For Pakistan, 2022 was the worst year in economy and business

Source: [Newsroom Odisha](#), [Newsroom Odisha](#), 2022-12-31

Islamabad: The year 2022 has been by far the worst for Pakistan's economy and business as major driving sectors have been forced into an indefinite recession and crisis, plunging the country into an economic and financial crash. The sectors that have faced the wrath of the economic recession during the year 2022 include textile industry and its allied sectors, agriculture, import material-base..... [more >>](#)

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